

TOWN OF SUPERIOR

REGULAR MEETING

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
SUPERIOR, ARIZONA, AT THE SUPERIOR SENIOR CENTER
LOCATED AT 360 W. MAIN STREET ON THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013, AT 7:00PM**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Valenzuela;

Vice Mayor Lopez;

Councilmember Alonzo

Councilmember Besich-Lira

Councilmember Estatico

Councilmember Tameron

Absent: Councilmember Aguilar-family illness

TOWN STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager

Attorney

Town Staff

Police Department

Library

Senior Center

Administration Aide

Fire Chief

Margaret Gaston

Lisa Rueter

Nora Miramon

Sergeant Ramirez

Josie Campos

Debbie Casillas

Ruby Cervantes

Todd Pryor

VISITORS PRESENT

Manuel Ortega

Marilee Larch

Sandra Doyle

Carl Vogler

Nancy Vogler

Maria Chavez

Joy Eveland

Fr. James Aboyi

Bill Loehr

Sonnie Sansom

Nina Crowder

Melissa Rabago

Pamela Peck

JoAnn Besich

John Delgado

Kathy Noriega

Frances Contreras

Hank Gutierrez

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., followed by **ROLL CALL**. Quorum was present, and Councilmember Aguilar excused for family illness.

INVOCATION

Father James Aboyi, St. Francis of Assisi Church gave the invocation.

Mayor Valenzuela led the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**.

1. Summary of Current Events:

- A. **Besich-Lira-** Invitation to the public & to the council, the Copper Basin Corridor Economic Coalition is hosting a free tourism forum on Monday September 30th. Mila thanked Father Aboyi for a wonderful time at the fiestas.

Alonzo- no comment

Estatico-attended the meeting with Resolution Copper Company was very interesting and he also is interested in what the Town wants and looks forward to further discussions with Resolution Copper Company. Thanks for his microphone repair, Announced that his daughter won for Fiesta Queen, thanked the public for their support.

Tameron-no comment

Vice Mayor-Before Mr. Graves left, request was made to get an update on the MagmaHotel and if Margaret can get that information to us we would appreciate it.

- B. **Mayor-**no comment

C. Town Manager/ Margaret-

The Arizona Property Tax Oversight Commission found the Town of Superior's tax levy to be in compliance with the Truth in Taxation notice and requirements. Good news.

Superior will partner with Globe and Miami for the CDBG funding. Superior's turn will come again in the fiscal year of 2014.

Discussions are still being held with the Circle K. As soon as their plans meet with the Town's requirements, the plans might go before the Planning and Zoning Commission in November at the earliest.

The preconstruction meeting for the CDBG 140-12 project went well this morning. Everyone is on board and ready to go. The only delay in the project will be the arrival date of a pump. Jonovich hopes they can get it in quickly and finish the project by December. The Town has received a quote to fix the lintel for the roof and Willdan is collecting quotes for the actual roof repairs.

2. Special Presentations: None

- 3. Consent Calendar:**No questions by Council on any items on the consent calendar, Motion by Vice Mayor Lopez to approve items on the Consent Calendar, Second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, Motion carries unanimously.

4. Reports:

Police Department- request was made, when Officers have downtime if they could Assist Fire Department with writing citations. Councilmember Estatico asked Sergeant Ramirez or the Town Manager regarding any updates on negotiations with Pinal County, they are not aware of any further negotiations. Mayor stated no update on any negotiations. He is aware of them taking it off of the agenda for the county and proceeded to give his opinion on this topic. He is recommending that staff move forward with advertising for a new Chief of Police and Officers.

Senior Center- Council had question for Senior Center Director, Debbie Casillas. Discussion regarding the food and the way they are delivered. Senior citizens are very unhappy with the taste of meals from both congregate and homebound citizens. Council directed Margaret to contact Mrs. Hinojos to attend our next meeting for further discussion

5. New Business:

- A. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of a Request from the Superior Chamber of Commerce for La Noche de Vaquero Night of the Cowboy on October 19, 2013. Council Letter No. 106-The Superior Chamber of Commerce is requesting to use the Broken Wing Portable Stage on Main Street on October 19, 2013, (note date change from November 2). The stage will be parked in front of Porter's Café Patio, with the stage opening towards the patio (north). The stage will be used for a band for a fund raising event honoring local and national cowboys with dinner and dancing. The vehicle, see attached, will be parked in the parking spaces and will leave a 3 ft. opening on the sidewalk for foot traffic.

The Chamber is hoping by using the stage, they will not need to request a road closure on Main Street. Motion to approve request from the Superior Chamber of Commerce for La Noche de Vaquero, Night of the Cowboy on October 19, 2013, second by Vice Mayor Lopez. Motion carries.

- B. Council approval of an Application by the Fire Department for 12D Fund from the San Carlos Apache Tribe. Council Letter No. 107. Margaret-Town Manager, addressed Council stating the Town of Superior is requesting \$5180.00 in funding to provide accessible blood pressure health monitoring for our at risk residents. High blood pressure, or hypertension, is a disease. Even though it typically has no symptoms, HBP can have deadly health consequences if not treated. It's sometimes called "the silent killer" because HBP has no symptoms, so you may not be aware that it's damaging your arteries, heart and other organs. The longer it's left untreated, the more serious its complications can become. Forty five per cent of our population's age is 45 years or older. Recommendation from Margaret is to approve to move

forward with application for funding. Council discussion for a few minutes, motion to approve the Application by the Fire Department for 12D Fund from the San Carlos Apache Tribe in the amount of \$5,180.00, by Councilmember Estatico; Second by Alonzo, motion carries

6. Action Items:None

7. Call to The Public:

1. Maridee Laseh- Stated that the Town of Superior get out of the dark ages and recommends that council talk nice with Resolution Copper, we have a great community and we need to be working together and not against each other. RCC is one of the biggest mining operations in this country and they want to turn our poverty stricken town into a thriving community it can become. Thank supporters of RCC and those against mining to stop with the fear tactics. Let's forget about all of the discord and move forward to make our town what it should be.
2. Nancy Vogler- Spoke about how people are throwing their trash out in the desert. We tell people all about Superior and how beautiful the mountains are and the desert. The Town needs to move on the clean up at the transfer station so people have a place to take their trash. What is the status of the clean up at the transfer station? We need to do something about this so people do not get discouraged in coming to our community.
3. Bill Vogler- He would give the council the benefit of the doubt for negotiation with Resolution Copper Company. It is time to revisit this issue and make the right decision for the town.
4. Sandra Irwin-Doyle-She is sick and tired of all of the fighting in this town from both sides of the issue. Just wanted to tell all of those involved in the bickering that there is one other solution to all of this and that is to unincorporate the town.
5. JoAnn Besich- She has attended the last meeting with Resolution Copper Company and was very bothered by the people that do not agree with RCC. They were very disruptive and disrespectful to those who were speaking. When the Town had a meeting regarding the mutual agreement to explain themselves, I was expecting to hear from experts in the environmental field and others pertaining to the opposition. The council should make it a point to go to the meetings and be proactive and try to come to an agreement with the facts. Council needs to hear both sides of the story. We need to move forward and we have been at a standstill for too long.
6. Roy Chavez- Represents Concerned Citizens, bill will be introduced to the House of Representative. We have hundreds of groups nationwide that support our cause. October 2nd, we will be hosting a forum. Unfortunately none of our state representatives have reached out to us.

7. Michael Hing- Wants to discuss the health issue in this community. There is a petition around town for those individuals who would like to help us in getting some experts to come and investigate the levels of contamination on the north side of town. We would like to have the support of the Town Council and get something moving regarding the North West Study that was done. Too many people have died due to cancer in our town and we would like to find out if the arsenic had anything to do with the level of cancer deaths. If you know of anyone that has been afflicted with any type of cancer please sign the petition.
8. Manuel Ortega- I am a resident of Mesa but am moving back. There are 130 people afflicted with cancer and the majority live on Pinal. There is something wrong in this town when there are so many people are dying from cancer. There are properties that are contaminated with arsenic. We might be here but we need to think of our children and their future.
9. Hank Gutierrez- Mayor talking about Pinal County Sheriff and taking over our Police Department. This is a fine line and gray area and we need to be careful. It might look as if the Mayor is polling the council. Elections do make a difference, the voice of our community has spoken and they have chosen a council that will be held accountable. The voters are intelligent and are aware of the issues and are counting on you the Council to make the right decisions for our community. He urges the Council to write the letter of support on behalf of our residents so we can actually move forward.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor entertained a motion to move into Executive Session, Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Councilmember Tameron, Second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries. Council adjourned to executive session at 8:13pm.

Mayor called for a motion to return to regular session at 8:33. Motion by Councilmember Tameron to return to regular session, second by Councilmember Estatico. Motion carries.

Mayor opens regular session with a call for a motion on Wilt Litigation

- a. Wilt Litigation- Councilmember Tameron motions to take attorney's advice on the Wilt Litigation, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion by Councilmember
Tameron to adjourn meeting, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carried
unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33p.m.

Mayor Jayme Valenzuela

Attest:

Margaret Gaston
Manager / Town Clerk